

# ***Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition Program (PERT)***

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## **PERT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**



The Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition Program is a school-to-work transition initiative being piloted through Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) at Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI). Program services will be provided on the MCTI campus, where students reside in dormitories.

The PERT Program assists transition students by answering these questions:

- What's out there for me?
- What are my talents, interests?
- What types of jobs might I enjoy?
- What skills do I need to become employed?
- What do I need to learn to live on my own?

PERT Services include:

- Vocational Assessments that allow the students to explore areas of interest through “hands-on” situational/work assessments.
- Vocational Evaluations that provide:
  - Aptitude testing.
  - Evaluation on learning styles.
  - WorkKeys and Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) testing.
  - Career Exploration.
- Independent Living Skills Assessment that evaluates the student's current knowledge and skills for living independently. Most assessments are done using a “hands-on” approach.
- Residential/Leisure Skills Assessment that:
  - Promotes student's exploration of residential and recreational activities.
  - Provides information on leisure and social skills development through participation in structured activities and dormitory supporting living.



## PERT PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES



Successful PERT students share certain characteristics allowing effective adjustment to a comprehensive evaluation within a semi-structured residential setting.

The following guidelines are used to select students for participation in PERT:

- Be an applicant for assistance from MRS and require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, engage in or retain gainful employment.

- Be age 16 upon enrollment in the PERT program and enrolled in grades 11-12+.
- Have positive classroom/work behaviors/coping skills that indicate potential to adapt to the semi-structured environment of MCTI.
- Have a full scale IQ of 70 or above.
- Be medically, physically and psychologically stable and have a favorable prognosis to complete and benefit from services requested.
- Ensure that current behavior will not jeopardize the health, safety or rehabilitation program of self or others at the facility.
- Be willing and able to comply with MCTI community living standards (Rules/Regulations).
- Have a plan for immediate removal from MCTI if deemed necessary.
- Have any personal court charges settled prior to seeking admission. Cases that are pending adjudication through the judicial court system will not be considered.
- Ability to independently take mediations as prescribed.

Applicants who do not fully meet these criteria may be considered through the PERT pre-admission review process. Pre-admission reviews include the following considerations: behavioral issues, cognitive performance, legal issues, and physical/health concerns.

## CAMPUS INFORMATION

The PERT program is located in Plainwell on the campus of MCTI. The campus offers a variety of amenities, all encompassed in one building for easy accessibility:

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